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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER EXPRESSES HOPE TO
KUWAITIS THAT TERRORISTS WHO STAGED ROME AIRPORT MASSACRE
WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL

DEPT PASS USINT CAIRO

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1. ON JANUARY 31 ITALIAN PRESS CARRIED STORY THAT ITALIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER MORO, DURING HIS JANUARY 29-30 VISIT TO
KUWAIT, EXPRESSED HOPE TO KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER THAT THE
FIVE TERRORISTS WHO PERPETRATED DECEMBER 17 ROME AIRPORT
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MASSACRE WOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. ACCORDING PRESS, MORO

EMPHASIZED "INTENSE SENSITIVITY" OF ITALIAN PUBLIC OPINION RE APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT FOR TERRORISTS. IN NOTING INDIRECTLY KUWAITIS REJECTION OF ITALIAN EXTRADITION REQUEST, MORO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT ITALIANS HOPED THAT A TRIAL WOULD TAKE PLACE IN AN "APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION" AND WOULD CONFORM TO ITALIAN EXPECTATION THAT TRIAL WOULD BE "SERIOUS AND RELIABLE". PRESS REPORTED THAT KUWAITI FOREIGN MINISTER FURNISHED "PRECISE ASSURANCES" IN THIS REGARD TO MORO.

2. ON JANUARY 31 WE QUERIED RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL ON THESE PRESS REPORTS, AND HE REPLIED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THEM. OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE KNEW THAT MORO WAS GOING TO RAISE ISSUES OF TERRORISTS WITH KUWAITIS, BUT MINISTRY AS YET HAD RECEIVED NO REPEAT NO OFFICIAL REPORT ON MORO'S CONVERSATIONS WITH KUWAITIS ON THIS SUBJECT.

3. WE ASKED OFFICIAL TO INFORM US WHEN SUCH REPORT RECEIVED, AND SAID WE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT "ASSURANCES" KUWAITIS HAD GIVEN MORO ON MATTER. VOLPE

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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